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FOOLS! THEY THOUGHT THEY COULD KEEP THEIR PLAN A SECRET?

THOUGHT THEY COULD TURN THE KILLER SYMBIOTE KNOWN AS *VENOM* INTO A GOODIE SUPER AGENT BY ATTACHING HIM TO A DECORATED HERO NAMED "FLASH THOMPSON."

WELL, TWO CAN PLAY AT THAT GAME! AND NOW THAT I'VE CAPTURED *CARNAGE* THE WORLD WILL SOON BE INTRODUCED TO A BETTER TYPE OF AGENT. AN AGENT OF *EVIL*. AN AGENT OF THE *WIZARD*.

WHAT KIND OF A NAME IS "FLASH?"

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PROJECT REBIRTH ~~2.0~~ 3.0

Name: Eugene "~~Flash~~" Thompson CLETUS KASADY

Rank: Corporal U.S. Army

SSN: 987-08-1962

~~es: High school bully turned war hero. Flash Thompson has~~
~~ys been brave. As a teenager he even impersonated Spider-~~
~~o try and save the hero's reputation. He lost his legs in~~
~~iddle East while saving his commanding officer. He said~~
~~leroism was "what Spider-Man would have done."~~

--HAS NO MIND LEFT TO CONTROL. PLAN B?

GRANTED THERE WERE A FEW SNARES.

CLETUS KASADY HAS APPARENTLY BEEN *LOBOTOMIZED*, WHICH MAKES CONTROLLING HIS MIND IMPOSSIBLE. THAT WOULD'VE BEEN A HELPFUL TIP GOING IN INSTEAD OF A PAINFUL LESSON ON THE WAY OUT, BUT YOU LIVE AND YOU LEARN.

OH AND DESPITE THIS BEING A TOP SECRET DOCUMENT IT DOESN'T EXACTLY EXPLAIN *HOW* THEY TURNED VENOM INTO A SUPER AGENT. BUT I HAVE THE UTMOST FAITH THAT I WILL SUCCEED.

NO BRAIN!

DUR!

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Incoming message

URGENT
FAO: All A-Level Security Personnel

Murder convict & mental patient CLETUS KASADY has been infected with the highly unstable venom symbiote, transforming him into a viciously dangerous creature, now known as CARNAGE. Be advised, he will attack without provocation.

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AGENT VENOM

BECAUSE MY INTEL GOES DEEPER...

MY PASSION IS GREATER...

AND MY EQUIPMENT...

Wizard's Secret Lair.
SOMEWHERE IN NEW YORK CITY.

...WELL, LET'S JUST SAY THE WIZARD DOES THE BEST WITH WHAT HE HAS TO WORK WITH.

FORTUNATELY, CARNAGE IS NO STRANGER TO PAIN.

HE'S JUST USUALLY ON THE OTHER SIDE OF IT IS ALL.

HOW WILL YOU KEEP HIM AT BAY IF HE HAS NO MIND LEFT TO CONTROL?

EVERYTHING HAS A MIND, DEAR KLAW. I WAS JUST FOCUSING ON THE WRONG ONE.

THIS NEW HELMET OF MINE CAN ACCESS ANYONE OR ANYTHING. I JUST NEED TO CALIBRATE IT FOR THE SYMBIOTE'S BRAIN AND NOT KASADY'S.

THEN WE WILL CREATE THE *FRIGHTFUL FOUR'S* MOST SUPERIOR MEMBER BY PERFECTING WHAT THE GOVERNMENT DID WITH *VENOM* HERE.

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THIS IS A PHOTO OF BLACK TARANTULA.

AGENT VENOM

WHAT? OH. I...

IT'S A PLACEHOLDER, YOU IDIOT! I JUST SAID IT WAS A DAMN TOP *SECRET* PROJECT! HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO HAVE A PHOTO OF HIM?

YOU THINK THIS MEANS I'M SLIPPING? THAT I'M NOT ON MY GAME?

WELL, LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING, I AM ABOUT TO PERFORM THE SINGLE *GREATEST* ACT OF MY LIFE.

I DON'T NEED TO WASTE MY TIME WITH CLERICAL DETAILS.

BESIDES, THIS VERSION OF THE FRIGHTFUL FOUR WILL HAVE PLENTY OF MENTAL BACKUP.

AM I INTERRUPTING?

NOT AT ALL, DR. MALUS. YOUR TIMING IS IMPECCABLE.

KLAW, THIS IS *DR. KARL MALUS*. A GENIUS SURGEON I'VE RECRUITED TO ASSIST WITH THE OPERATION. TO SCULPT OUR NEW CARNAGE TO OUR LIKING.

I BELIEVE HE WILL MAKE A *WONDERFUL* ADDITION TO OUR TEAM.

ALSO I NEEDED A FOURTH FOR THE NAME TO MAKE SENSE.

THE UNIVERSE HASN'T BEEN KIND TO THE GOOD DOCTOR. HE GOT INVOLVED WITH THE WRONG CROWD AND THEY PAID HIM BACK BY PLACING HIM IN THAT CHAIR. OUT OF REACH, I'M AFRAID, OF EVEN HIS OWN SURGICAL ABILITIES.

BUT YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT *KARMA*. WHEN SOMEONE SCREWS WITH YOU...

...YOU PAY IT FORWARD.

NOW LET US BEGIN, SHALL WE? I BELIEVE I OWE SOMEONE A BEATDOWN.

LOWER THE PLATFORM.

ONLY THIS TIME I'M COMING FOR THAT ALIEN SYMBIOTE BRAIN, AREN'T I, CARNAGE?

UNCHAIN HIM.

CRACK

TURN OFF THE SONIC CAGE.

CLANK!

AND NOW, MY DEAR CARNAGE...

...PREPARE TO BE MY SERVA--

RRAAAAARRR!

UNHH!

SLICE!

AHHHHHHHHH

MOTHER OF GOD! HELP HIM!

NO!

HSSSSSSSS!

DO IT!

UNH.

BLAM!

AHAARRRR!

MAKE ME EARN IT!

OHHH.

FOOOOOOOH!

THIS IS MY MONSTER TO TAME!

NOOOOOOOOOO!

I WON'T HAVE ANOTHER OF MY CREATIONS TAKEN FROM ME!

NOT ANOTHER ONE.

NOT LIKE MY *BENTLEY.*

NOT LIKE MY *BOY.*

YOU'LL HELP ME, WON'T YOU, SON?

LOOK AT YOU, YOU'VE GOTTEN SO BIG.

WHAT THE HELL HAVE I GOTTEN MYSELF INTO?

HISTORY IN THE MAKING, DR. MALUS.

THERE'S SOMETHING YOU SHOULD KNOW, KLAW.

RUMOR HAS IT THAT THE LAST TIME WIZARD TRIED TO TAKE HIS SON BACK, BLACK BOLT PUNISHED HIM BY DOING SOMETHING TO HIS *MIND*. SCREWING WITH HIS ELECTRONS. TRIGGERING SOME SORT OF *DEMENTIA* THAT WOULD RENDER HIM HARMLESS.*

THIS HAPPENED IN FF #7! CRAZY STUFF! --SLIGHTLY SANE SANA.

THE PROBLEM IS THERE'S A FINE LINE BETWEEN *"MAD GENIUS"* CRAZY AND *"I'M LOSING MY MIND"* CRAZY AND I CAN'T TELL WHERE WE STAND.

HAVE YOU WITNESSED ANY SIGNS OF DEMENTIA?

AGENT VENOM

NO.

DON'T GET ME WRONG, IT TAKES A LUNATIC TO COME UP WITH THIS PLAN, AND IF IT WORKS WE'LL BE SITTING PRETTY...

BUT IF THIS IS ALL JUST A DELUSIONAL IDEA FROM A SICK PERSON WE NEED TO GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE RIGHT N--

REST ASSURED, DOCTOR...

BOTH MY PLAN AND MY INTELLECT ARE VERY MUCH INTACT.

AS IS MY *HEARING*, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SO LET ME BE CLEAR. YOU ARE FREE TO GO IF YOU WISH. BUT KEEP IN MIND I *WILL* SUCCEED. AND IT'S IN YOUR BEST INTEREST TO BE HERE WHEN I DO.

BECAUSE YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY, WHATEVER DOESN'T KILL YOU...

WILL COME BACK AGAIN UNTIL IT DOES.

NOW...

...LET'S TRY IT AGAIN.

YES, YOU IDIOT! OF COURSE I'M AWARE THE WIZARD BROKE CARNAGE OUT OF PRISON. MY SPIDEY-BOTS ARE MORE EFFECTIVE THAN YOUR *ENTIRE POLICE FORCE*. BUT I'M ON THE VERGE OF STOPPING THE *JACKAL* AND I'M SIMPLY PRIORITIZING.

New York City.

YES, WELL WHAT YOU'RE ESSENTIALLY TELLING ME IS THAT A *LOBOTOMIZED* SERIAL KILLER JUST TEAMED UP WITH A *BRAIN DAMAGED* SCIENTIST. SO UNLESS YOU'RE CONCERNED THEY'RE GOING TO TRY AND REPLACE HODA AND KATHIE LEE...

...STOP WASTING MY TIME.

CLICK

THWIP!

READ THE JACKAL ADVENTURE IN SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN TEAM-UP #2 & SCARLET SPIDER #19!

OH, BENTLEY. WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU? YOU WERE A RESPECTED COLLEAGUE ONCE. POSSIBLY EVEN A RIVAL TO MY OWN GENIUS.

UNTIL YOU MADE THAT BOY. THAT BENTLEY 23 CLONE. AND YOUR OBSESSION SPREAD LIKE THE TUMOR THAT NOW REACHES ACROSS YOUR BRAIN.

BLACK BOLT TOLD THE FUTURE FOUNDATION YOU ONLY HAVE A FEW WEEKS LEFT, THANKS TO HIS MENTAL MEDDLING.

I MUST SAY, I ADMIRE HIS TENACITY. HE COULD NEVER GET AWAY WITH WHAT HE DID TO YOU IN THIS SOCIETY. BUT AS THE RULER OF ATTILAN, HE CAN PERFORM PUNISHMENTS THAT WOULD OTHERWISE SEEM, WELL...

INHUMAN.

ARE YOU AWARE THAT YOUR BRAIN IS DYING, I WONDER? IF SO, ONE QUESTION REMAINS...

IS THIS A LAST-DITCH ATTEMPT TO SECURE YOUR LEGACY?

OR A SUICIDE MISSION TO END IT ALL?

EITHER WAY, I SHOULD PROBABLY TAKE YOU DOWN...

...BUT SOMETHING TELLS ME THIS VENTURE OF YOURS MIGHT DO THE JOB FOR ME.

WIZARD! WAKE UP!

IT ISN'T WORKING. WE HAVE TO STOP. YOU'VE TRIED *FOUR* TIMES NOW AND EACH TIME IT NEARLY *KILLS* YOU.

NO! IT WILL WORK.

IT HAS TO.

WHY CAN'T I CONTROL ITS MIND?

WITH RESPECT, THERE ARE *THREE* GENIUSES IN THIS ROOM AND TWO OF THEM SAY WE NEED TO FORGET THIS PLAN.

IS THAT TRUE, BENTLEY? HAS MY OWN DNA FORSAKEN ME?

I'M--I'M KLAW.

I...

I KNOW WHO YOU ARE, YOU MORON! I WAS TALKING TO MYSELF.

WHY CAN'T MY BRAIN CRACK THIS? WHAT AM I DOING WRONG?

YOU'RE ATTEMPTING THE IMPOSSIBLE. ACCORDING TO THESE FILES, VENOM'S SYMBIOTE WAS *NOT* ATTACHED TO HIS HOST'S DNA. THAT MEANS THEY COULD PUT IT ON WHOEVER THEY WANTED.

BUT CLETUS KASADY HAS THE SYMBIOTE FLOWING THROUGH HIS BLOODSTREAM. IT'S A PART OF HIM.

SO UNLESS YOU CAN TRANSFER THE SYMBIOTE TO SOMEONE WHOSE BRAIN IS ACTUALLY *WORKING*, YOU WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO CONTROL THIS BEAST.

THINK, DAMN IT, THINK! THERE MUST BE SOMETHING WE'RE MISSING. THEY TOOK A *STUPID* SYMBIOTE AND STUCK IT ON AN AVERAGE MAN. BELOW AVERAGE, EVEN! HE'S *HANDICAPPED* FOR CRYING OUT---

LOUD.

WHAT?

DOCTOR, THAT'S IT! WE DO NEED SOMEONE'S *MIND* TO CONTROL.

AND YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION TO SCIENCE IS GOING TO SECURE THE BENTLEY WITTMAN LEGACY.

PREPARE HIM FOR A TRANSFUSION.

WAIT. WHAT?!

KLAW, LISTEN TO HIM. THIS PROVES IT. HE IS *CRAZY!* ALL HE CARES ABOUT IS HIS STUPID FAMILY. SURELY THIS IS BECOMING CLEAR TO YOU AS WELL.

I WONT LIE, DOCTOR. I HAVE NOTICED SOMETHING.

"MORE THAN A FEW TIMES NOW HE'S RECRUITED ME INTO HIS FRIGHTFUL FOUR, AND EACH TIME HE'S GROWN A LITTLE MORE INSANE.

"MOST RECENTLY, HE CONSTRUCTED THIS NEW SONIC ARM, NOT JUST FOR ME, BUT SO I MIGHT ACT AS AN EXTENSION OF HIMSELF.

"OVER THE YEARS HE'S BOTH CLONED ME AND BROUGHT ME BACK FROM THE DEAD SO THAT I COULD CONTINUE HIS BIDDING.

"SO YES, SOMETHING HAS BECOME CLEAR."

I AM HIS FAMILY.

UNFFFF!

PLEASE! I'M A CRIPPLE.

NO NEED TO REMIND US, DOCTOR. THAT'S THE SOLE REASON WE'RE DOING THIS.

YOU'RE CRAZY!

QUIET!

UNH!

CLANK!

HELP ME! PLEASE. THIS IS MADNESS!

CLANK!

BEGIN THE TRANSFUSION.

STOP! WHAT WILL YOUR SON THINK?

HE WILL THINK I AM A GOD!

BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY WHAT WILL YOU THINK, DOCTOR? WHEN I'VE PROVEN YOU AND EVERYONE ELSE WHO DOUBTED ME WRONG?

BECAUSE WE WILL NO LONGER BE EQUALS, MY FRIEND.

I WILL BE YOUR LORD...

YOUR MASTER...

YOUR...

...SUPERIOR!

NAAAHHHHH!!

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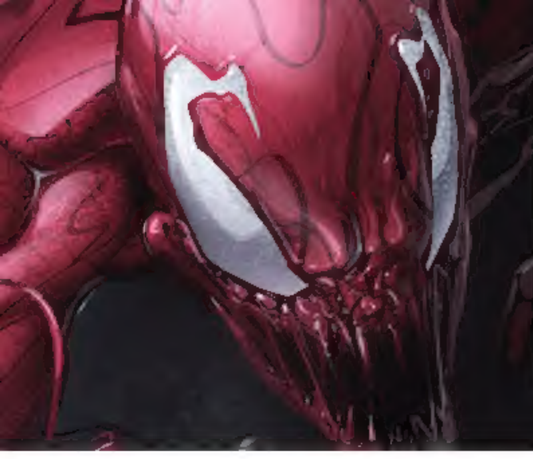

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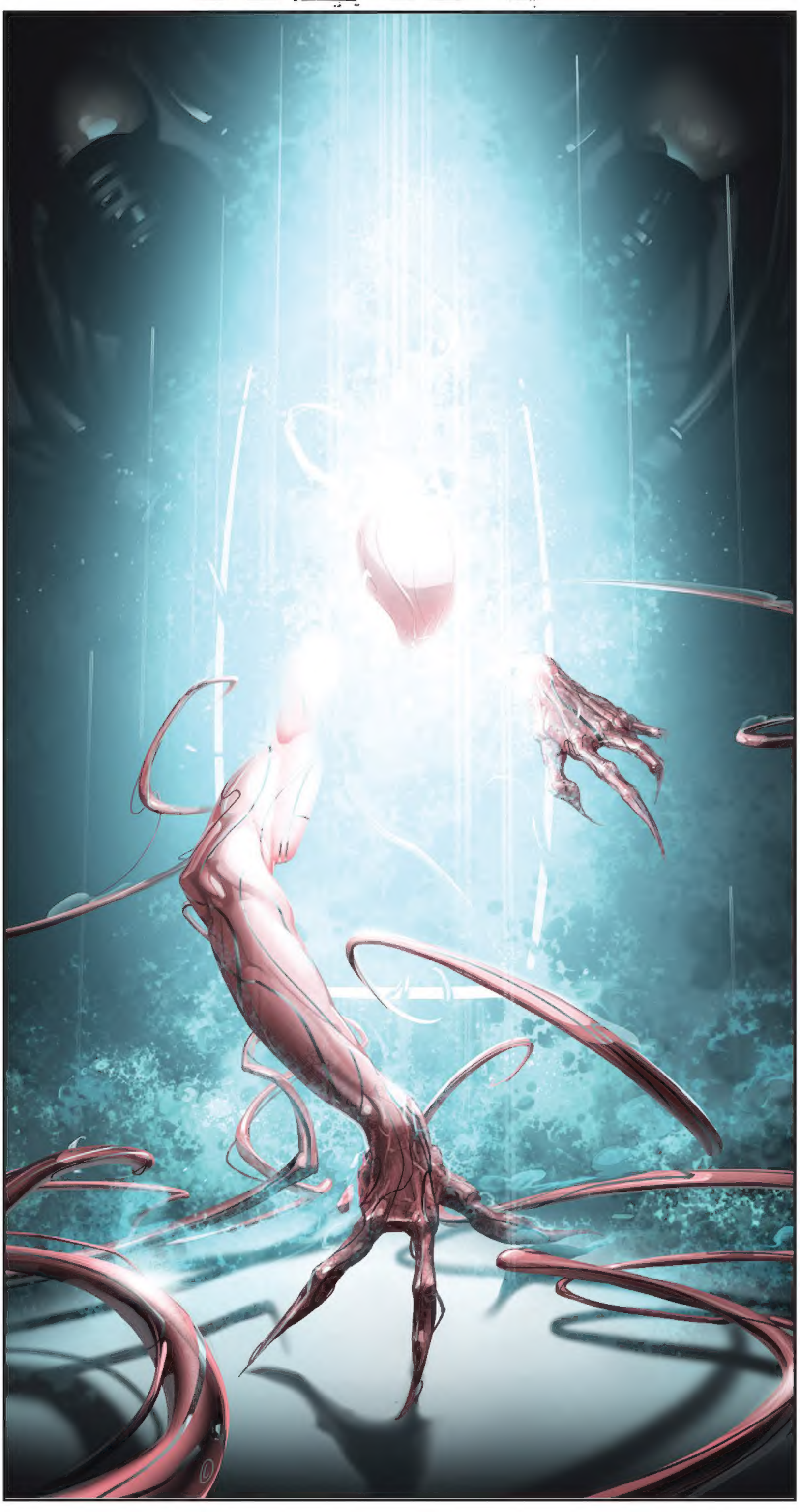

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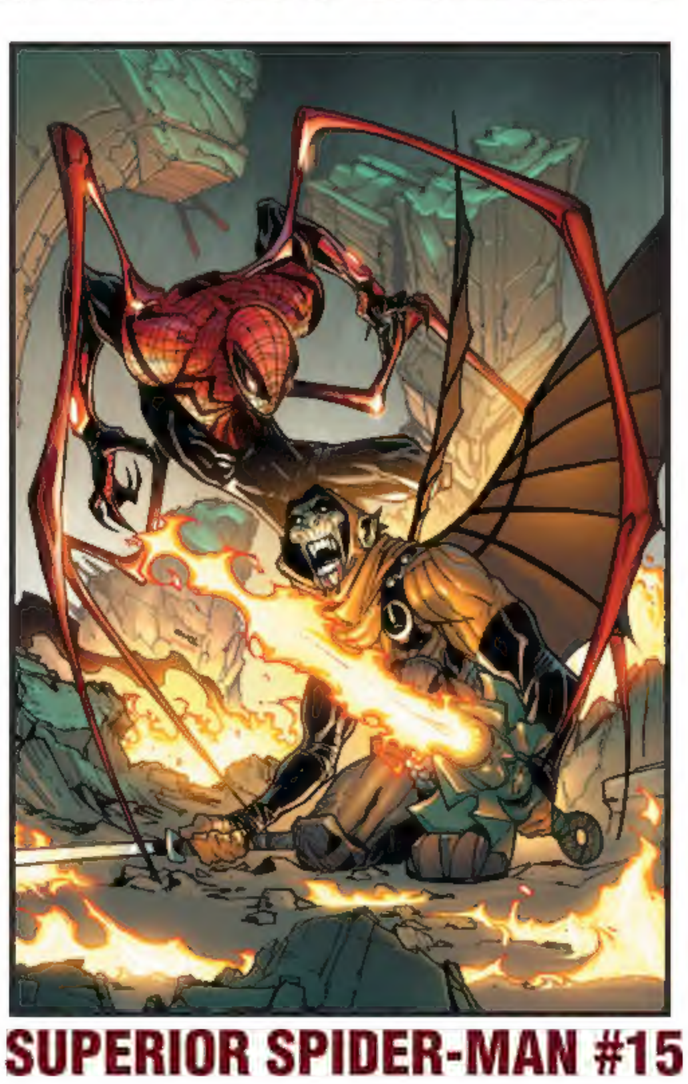

SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN #15

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